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TC 5/1/03Docket No. 5000-4963**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Masakatsu MASAKI, et al. Group Art Unit : 1734
Serial No. : 09/982,035 Examiner : George R. Koch
Filed : October 17, 2002
For : WORKPIECE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003 constituting a requirement for restriction in the above-identified application, election is made to prosecute the claims in the Examiner's Group I, claims 1-18, 25-34 and 41. Claims 1-18, 25-34 and 41 are all readable on the elected Group I. The election is made without traverse.

Action on the merits of claims 1-18, 25-34 and 41 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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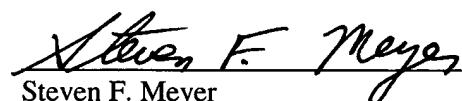
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